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William F. Caton, Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Petition for Rule Making Seeking Allotment of New Fm Channel to Shell Knob, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Galen Gilbert, is an original and five copies of a Petition for Rule Making seeking the allotment of a new FM Channel to Shell Knob, Missouri.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

William . Pennington, III COUNSEL TO GALEN GILBERT

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Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Shell Knob, Missouri)

MM Docket No.

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Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch

Policy and Rules Division

Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Galen Gilbert (hereinafter "Gilbert"), hereby petitions the Commission institute a rule making proceeding seeking the allotment of FM Channel 249A to Shell Knob, Missouri as its first local broadcast service. In support whereof, the following is shown:

- 1. Attached hereto as Exhibit E-1 is a channel spacing study which shows that Channel 249A may be allotted to Shell Knob, Missouri in compliance with the Commission's spacing requirements if site restricted 16.5 kilometers north to avoid a short spacing with third adjacent channel station KOLZ(FM) at Bentonville, Arkansas. From this point an operating station would deliver a 3.16 mV/m service contour over the entire community. A map showing the proposed allotment coordinates, the community of Shell Knob and 3.16 service contour is attached.
- 2. The allotment of Channel 249A to Shell Knob would provide the community with its first local FM service. Shell Knob is an unincorporated community in Barry County, Missouri. Barry County

had a 1990 population of 27,547 persons.

3. Shell Knob has all of the indicia as outlined in the Commission's Rules and previous policy statements for allotment of a new FM channel. Shell Knob is an active community with commercial establishments, churches, fire department, schools etc. Shell Knob has experienced steady growth over the past decade due to its proximity to Table Rock Lake. The area surrounding the

lakes draws an ever increasing number of vacationers and tourists

annually.

4. Shell Knob is not located within or near any urbanized

area as that term is defined by the U.S. Department of Census.

5. If the Commission allots Channel 249A to Shell Knob, Gilbert, or an entity with which the proponent is affiliated, will promptly file an application for construction permit for a new FM station on the channel, and upon grant, will construct and operate the facility.

WHEREFORE, the above facts considered, Galen Gilbert, hereby respectfully requests that the Commission allot FM Channel 249A to Shell Knob, Missouri as its first local FM service.

Respectfully submitted,

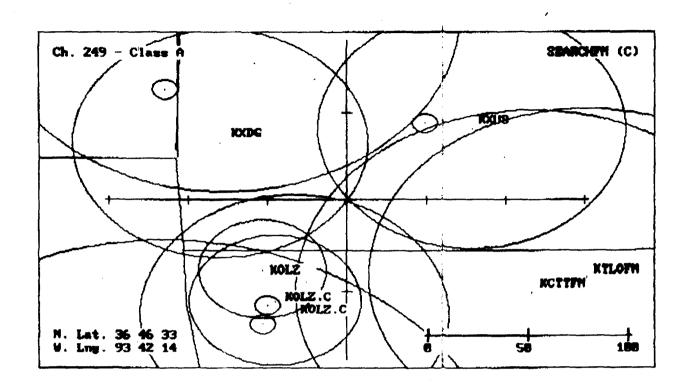
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Current	rules	spacings	
 CHANNEL	249 -	97.7 MH2	

_	CALL	CH#	CITY	STATE	BEAR'	D-KM	R-KM	MARGIN
_			Yellville	AR	122.3	106.94		-8.06 */1
	KXDG	250A	Webb City	MO	30 0. 2	72.10	72.0	0.10 <
	KXUS	247C1	Springfield	MO	53.1	75.81	75.0	0.81 <
	KOLZ.C	252C1	Bentonville	AR	199.6	76.40	75.0	1.40 <
	KNNOFM	249X	Nevada	MO	333.5	134.52	115.0	19.52
	KTLOFM	250C2	Mountain Home	AR	112.1	126.01	106.0	20.01
	KOLZ	252A	Bentonville	AR	223.9	59.98	31.0	28.98
	KOLZ.C	252C3	Bentonville	AR	209.5	72.27	42.0	30.27
_	KZBB	250C	Poteau	OK	205.0	208.55	165.0	43.55

^{/1} STATION KCTT-FM AT YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS HAS MOVED FROM CHANNEL 249A (97.7 mHz.)
TO CHANNEL 269A (101.7 mHz.). STATION KCTT-FM IS OPERATING ON CHANNEL 269A. THUS KCTT-FM IS NO PROBLEM FOR THIS ALLOCATION.

